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ATTENTION:

ACOP-AV

15 September 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: (~~SECRET REL TO USA, MLESF~~) Follow-up question to Informal AR 15-6 Investigation Findings and Recommendations for the Al Hawijah ISIL VBIED Factory strike, 02 June 2015

1. (~~SECRET REL TO USA, MLESF~~) Reference, Memorandum, Commanding General, United States Army Central, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, APO AE 09306, 20 August 2015; subject: Informal AR 15-6 Investigation Findings and Recommendations for the Al Hawijah ISIL VBIED Factory strike, 02 June 2015
2. (~~SECRET REL TO USA, FVLS~~) Follow-up question, *From the time in which LTG Terry authorized the engagement of the AL HAWLLAH ISIL VBIED FACTORY (b)(1) 4dZ on 29 1800C May 2015, until the target was struck on 02 June 2015, were there any subsequent re-authorizations for engagement of the target? If so, who authorized or approved the engagement?*

After the Al Hawijah Isil VBIED Factory was approved as a target by the CJTF-OIR commander at the Joint Target Approval Board on 29 May 2015, the target received additional analysis and vetting at the Combined Air & Space Operations Center (CAOC). On 31 May 2015, the "paper" Joint Integrated Prioritized Target List (JIPTL) that included the Hawijah target was approved by the Deputy Commander, Combined Forces Air Component Command (DCFACC) at the CAOC and forwarded to the CJTF-OIR Deputy Commander-Air (DCOM-A). The DCOM-A also approved the JIPTL on 31 May 2015 for "night strike only."¹ The Hawijah target was subsequently added to the 31 1900C May 15 CJTF-OIR daily Fragmentary Order (FRAGORD), approved by the CJTF-OIR CJ3.² These were the final approval and authorization steps in the deliberate targeting process. The final briefs before target strike were the strike package mass brief on 01 1400Z JUN 15 to the CAOC representatives and aircrews and the CJTF-OIR Fires and Effects Synchronization Board on 01 June 2015, however these were not approval or authorization meetings.

¹ Exhibit 24 - Email - AT (b)(1) 4dZ Paper JIPTL Nomination, 25 Jul 15

² Exhibit 11 - CJTF_OIR_31_MAY_15_DAILY_FRAGO

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